

**CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE
BOARD OF MANAGERS
MARCH 9, 2015 MEETING**

STAFF REPORT

TO: BOARD OF MANAGERS

FROM: SHANA R. DAVIS-COOK, VILLAGE MANAGER 

DATE: 3/4/2015

SUBJECT: PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO THE VILLAGE HALL LANDSCAPING

Background/Update

In March of 2013, the Village Board approved revisions to the landscape plan for the beds in front of the main entrance (Laurel Parkway frontage) to the Village Hall as drafted by Village Arborist, Dr. Tolbert Feather. The proposed modifications were limited to the area adjacent to the entrance porch, which had suffered from a gradual dieback of the previous plant materials originally planted in 2002 following the major remodel of the Hall.

The approved, revised landscape plan was implemented that spring. The landscaping that was installed continues to be a work in progress and the plantings have not fully flourished to their intended layout. Dr. Feather has assessed the plantings beds and he feels that they are too wet. He proposes that we not turn on the irrigation system in these particular zones to see if this change in hydration allows the plant materials to take better shape. Dr. Feather will continue to monitor the landscaping during the upcoming spring and summer to see what impact this may have.

New Proposed Landscaping

The dieback earlier experienced in the beds closest to the main entrance has continued elsewhere along the Laurel Parkway side of the building. More recently, the landscaping has also been impacted by the maintenance work in and around the Village Hall. I walked the area with Dr. Feather on two occasions and I asked him to draft a proposal for refreshing the remaining landscaping on the Hall side of the driveway and along the stucco wall that separates the parking lot and Laurel Parkway, including along the small parking island. Dr. Feather believes that the plant species originally chosen were simply not hearty enough and he proposes various hearty plant species that should thrive.

Additionally, two (2) of the flowering Kwansan Cherry trees along the Connecticut Avenue side of the building are declining and need to be replaced. Dr. Feather proposes removing these trees and replacing them with the same species.

Board Action Requested

I request that the Board approve Dr. Feather's recommended landscape plan for the Village Hall grounds. If approved, we will begin to implant the plan in late winter/early spring 2015 in hopes of full implementation prior to the Village's Annual Meeting on April 20. The plan can be fully implemented within the current budget and would be implemented by the Village's tree and landscape maintenance contractors. Dr. Feather will attend Monday evening's meeting to address Board Members' questions.

Attachments

Report from Village Arborist Dr. Tolbert Feather, dated 2/2/2015
Demolition and Site Preparation Plan
Village Hall Existing Landscape (photo page)
Landscape Improvements Plan
Landscape Improvements (photo page)
Cost Estimate for plants only, not installation

Feather & Assoc.

Tolbert V. Feather, Ph.D.

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February 2, 2015

Village Hall Landscape Improvements – Existing Conditions

The Village Manager requested a plan to update the landscaping at the Village Hall entrance and to replace 2 failing cherry trees along Connecticut Ave.

The attached photos show the bare bed areas to the west of the entrance. The yews are in decline and the ground cover has also declined. This may be due to winter salt damage, water logging, and maybe some staging for repairs on the roof.

The photos also show the 2 declining Kansan cherry trees. These trees have aged and are failing.

The attached plan proposes to replace the yews with heavenly bamboo and liriope. The cherry trees will be replaced with new Kwansan cherry trees.

This work can be easily done this spring in April or May of 2015.



Village Hall Entrance with bare areas and failing yews.

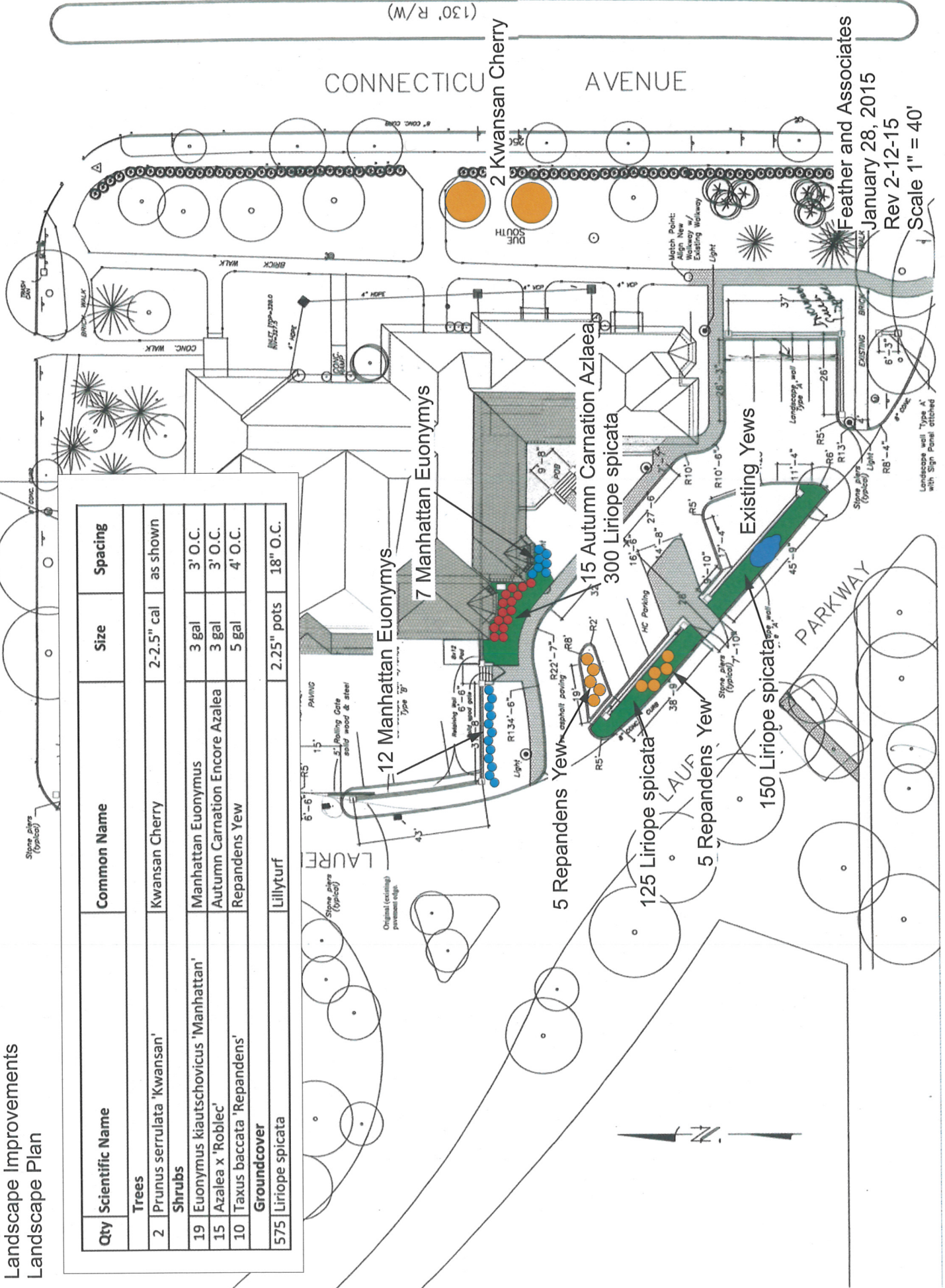


2 Kwansan Cherry Trees
in decline.

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Landscape Plan

LENOX STREET

Qty	Scientific Name	Common Name	Size	Spacing
Trees				
2	Prunus serrulata 'Kwansan'	Kwansan Cherry	2-2.5" cal	as shown
Shrubs				
19	Euonymus kiautschovicus 'Manhattan'	Manhattan Euonymus	3 gal	3' O.C.
15	Azalea x 'Roblec'	Autumn Carnation Encore Azalea	3 gal	3' O.C.
10	Taxus baccata 'Repandens'	Repandens Yew	5 gal	4' O.C.
Groundcover				
575	Liriope spicata	Lilyturf	2.25" pots	18" O.C.



CONNECTICUT AVENUE

2 Kwansan Cherry

(130' R/W)

Kwansan
Cherry



Autumn Carnation Encore Azalea



Repandens Yew



Manhattan Euonymus



Lillyturf

Cost Estimate for plants only, not installation

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Qty	Scientific Name	Common Name	Size	Spacing	Comments	Cost ea Estimated	Total Cost
Trees							
2	Prunus serrulata 'Kwansan'	Kwansan Cherry	2-2.5" cal	as shown		200	\$400.00
Shrubs							
19	Euonymus kiautschovicus 'Manhattan'	Manhattan Euonymus	3 gal	3' O.C.		25	\$475.00
15	Azalea x 'Roblec'	Autumn Carnation Encore Azalea	3 gal	3' O.C.		30	\$450.00
10	Taxus baccata 'Repandens'	Repandens Yew	5 gal	4' O.C.		45	\$450.00
Groundcover							
575	Liriope spicata	Lillyturf	2.25" pots	18" O.C.		1.3	\$747.50
							\$2,522.50